

Third Bus Accident Victim Dies - Others Recovering; County Fatalities Reach 13

Iron County's traffic fatalities for 1946 reached thirteen with the death last night of Mrs. Henry Holton, 64, of Big Timber, Montana, who died at the Iron County hospital of injuries suffered in a Union Pacific bus accident one mile north of Cedar City at 2 p. m. Monday.

Mrs. Holton was the third passenger of the ill-fated bus to succumb to injuries received in the accident, two others, Miss Agnes E. Peterson, 46, of Faribault, Minnesota, and Robert Joseph Dryan, 28, of Patterson, New Jersey, having succumbed soon after reaching the hospital Monday afternoon. Mrs. Holton suffered severe skull injuries, a fractured leg and nose, and had been in critical condition since the accident and little hope of her recovery had been held by attending physicians at any time.

Mrs. Arthur Mickelson, 53, of Black Earth, Wisconsin, who has been in a serious condition, is reported to be showing considerable improvement this morning.

Thirteen other persons were injured when the bus, skidding on a slippery highway at the point of the knoll just North of town, left the highway and overturned. The bus skidding for some distance, turned over as the left front wheel struck a boulder at the side of the road. The bus rolled completely over coming to rest in an upright position. The impact caved the top of the car down onto the passengers and it is a miracle that any of them escaped.

Cause of the accident has not been definitely determined but apparently the wheels skidded on the wet pavement as the bus rounded the curve. The driver, Kendell D. Todd, who was only slightly injured, reported that he was driving at a moderate rate of speed, and this was verified by a number of passengers in the bus.

Five other passengers who have been in more or less serious condition, are all recovering satisfactorily. Mrs. Raymond R. Jensen, Riverside, California, is suffering from a basal skull fracture, but her condition is reported as good. The other more seriously injured, who are receiving treatment at the hospital are Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bennett of Manozmanie, Wisconsin, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Mann, of Washington D. C. All four are recovering satisfactorily.

There were fifteen passengers in the bus at the time of the accident, six of them escaping with no more serious injury than cuts and bruises. They include Grant Cox of Cedar City, who was thrown from the bus as it rolled over; Harland C. Holton, son of Mrs. Henry Holton, who makes his home in Billings, Montana; Hans Boe, Anaconda, Montana; D. R. Plumb, Spanish Fork, Utah; Burt Wilson, Denver, Colorado; Dr. L. F. Smith, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The two women who lost their lives, Mrs. Henry Holton and Miss Agnes E. Peterson, were sisters.